



ATTENTION VFC PROVIDERS

Effective July 1, 2013, you must STOP vaccinating UNDERinsured children with Arizona VFC Program vaccine.

Only the following providers can continue vaccinating underinsured children with Arizona VFC program-supplied vaccine on July 1, 2013 and beyond:

- County health departments
- Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Centers
- A limited number of recently deputized VFC providers (list attached)
- Hospitals (only for the Hep B birth dose and HBIG)

Starting July 1, 2013, all other VFC providers may continue vaccinating underinsured children with PRIVATE vaccine stock and charging them out-of-pocket or these children may be referred to following places, which will continue to provide VFC vaccine to underinsured children:

- County health departments.
- A limited number of public and private VFC providers are deputized in 2013 to assist the county health departments in immunizing underinsured children. These providers accept non-established patients.
- Federally Qualified Health Centers or Rural Health Centers.

Before you refer your underinsured patient to another provider, use private vaccine stock to administer the recommended vaccines that are covered by insurance. Please don't miss an opportunity to vaccinate.

We have developed one document for each county that contains all of the different types of providers (FQHCs, RHCs, county health departments, deputized private providers) with authority to immunize underinsured children with VFC vaccine. We hope that these county-specific documents will be helpful to you and your patients, as each contains the facility name, location and contact information (see the attached Underinsured Referral Locations document). You can also find this packet on the Arizona Department of Health Services website (<http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/changes.htm>).

The Arizona Partnership for Immunization (TAPI) has developed resources for providers to use in navigating the recent VFC vaccine policy changes at <http://www.whyyimmunize.org/vaccine-financing>.

Definition of Underinsured: A person who has health insurance, but the coverage does not include vaccines or a person whose insurance covers only selected vaccines. Children with deductibles and co-pays are considered insured and NOT underinsured.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013, VFC PROVIDERS MUST STOP USING ARIZONA VFC PROGRAM SUPPLIED VACCINE TO IMMUNIZE UNDERINSURED CHILDREN, UNLESS THEY HAVE A CURRENT (JANUARY 2013) DEPUTIZATION AGREEMENT, OR UNLESS THEY ARE A COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FQHC OR RHC, OR A HOSPITAL (HEP B BIRTH DOSE AND HBIG ONLY).

If you have any questions, please contact the Arizona VFC Program at 602-364-3642.